

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1948

WNTC, Tech-PSTC Radio Station, Begins Broadcasting Tonight

Radio station WNTC will begin its regular schedule of broadcasts from Potsdam at 9 p. m. tonight. The station is to be operated jointly by students of Clarkson College and Potsdam State Teachers College.

With its range limited to the immediate vicinity of Potsdam, the new carrier-current station will broadcast over a frequency of 640 kilocycles. During the past week, finishing touches have been put on the station's temporary studios at the corner of Main St. and Pierrepont Ave.

According to Station Manager Nick Sfikas, a senior at Clarkson college, the station will broadcast from 9 to 11 p. m. each week day evening. After the Tuesday, March 23, broadcast, the station will be off the air during the spring vacation until Monday, April 5.

Tonight's special opening broadcast climaxes over a year of organizational activity. Plans for the station were first originated early last year by the Clarkson Electronic Society, a student activity interested in amateur radio broadcasting. Students from the Teachers college were invited to participate and the committee became a trial member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.

Following test broadcasts last summer, the student committee met with faculty representatives from both colleges who authorized the station and agreed to contribute the initial equipment.

On November 12 the station's constitution was ratified by the 22 members of the organization committee who became charter members and elected the first group of officers.

At the present time, 92 students have been voted members of the station by the executive board. The seven student officers, who comprise the executive board, are Nick Sfikas, station manager; Bill Moonan, assistant station manager; Mary Smith, secretary; Gene Mueller, program chairman; Frank Bradley, engineering chairman; Dan Weinberg, business chairman, and Ronald Elliott, publicity chairman.

As a member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, the new carrier-current station is the eighth station to go on the air in the IBS New York State region. The IBS is composed of a number of similar college stations which exchange programs and other information through the central organization. Radio station KSLU at St. Lawrence University is also an IBS member.

Construction on the permanent studios, to be located behind the Crane House on Elm St., was delayed by the cold weather, Sfikas explained. The present studio is located in rooms allocated to Clarkson student publications and construction on the new studio will begin shortly.

The two-hour broadcast schedule will be increased as the students gain in experience and it is planned to broadcast concerts, athletic contests and other special events from the Teachers college, Civic Center and athletic fields.

Faculty advisers to the student group include Donald W. Boyd, Jr., director of public relations at Clarkson; and Dr. Wilmer K. Trauger, head of the English department at PSTC, as general advisers. Others are Robert John McGill, Donald W. McPheeters and Donald F. McIntyre, all from Clarkson, and David Schaal, Rocque Dominick and Thomas Barrington, of the Teachers college faculty.